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Communications A Key to Safety at Fire Academy

A small travel trailer sits next to the Post Playhouse on the grounds of Ft. Robinson State Park during the Nebraska Wild Land Fire Academy. It looks like any other travel trailer except for the numerous antennas sprouting from its roof.

The trailer is serving as the Mobile Operations Trailer for the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) during the academy. Inside are radios that provide communications for staff administering the academy.

Brent Curtis, Program Specialist with NEMA, serves at the COML, Communications Unit Leader, during the Academy.

“Radio communications allows administrative and operations staff to coordinate safety activities for the students and instructors while the academy is being run,” said Curtis.

Today, for example, the MOT is providing safety communications for a class on the use of chainsaws. After a couple days of classroom training the students and instructor are heading into the field to actually use the saws. This class presents some distinct safety issues and radio communications will allow a quick response if there are any accidents.

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